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For : IMAGE TRANSMITTING APPRATUS AND IMAGE RECEIVE  
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Group Art Unit : 2622

Examiner : Houshang Safaipour

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98,

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Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents, which were cited in a Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection dated July 8, 2003 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No.H11-035889:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H9-231121, published on September 5, 1997, together with an English language Abstract thereof;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H9-233243, published on September 5, 1997, together with an English language Abstract thereof; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. S63-87858, published on April 19, 1988, together with an English language Abstract thereof.

Applicant has already submitted, in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 7, 2001 copies of Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H10-327307 and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H10-341304. Thus, additional copies are not attached hereto.

Applicant also notes that the relevance of each of the above-mentioned documents with respect to the various claims of the Japanese application, as well as the relevant passages of these documents, is as discussed in the Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection, a copy of which is attached hereto, together with an English language translation thereof.

Further, Applicant notes the following documents which were also cited, but not discussed by the Japanese Examiner, in the above-noted Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H10-107836, published on April 24, 1998;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H10-304127, published on November 13, 1998;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H10-304128, published on November 13, 1998;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-59417, published on February 25, 2000;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-4252, published on January 7, 2000;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H11-7405, published on January 12, 1999;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H10-40187, published on February 13, 1998; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H10-320534, published on December 4, 1988.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above patent documents and English Abstracts. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. A copy of the Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection, together with an English language translation of the same, is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

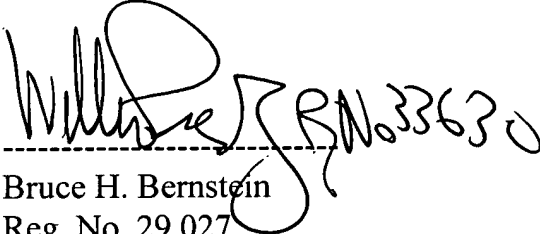
Since this Supplement Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to issuance of a Final Rejection, Applicant has provided below a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e), and a check including the amount of \$ 180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p) is being submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (d) (2). However, the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any

necessary additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to information that has previously been cited by Applicant or the Examiner in the present application as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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## NOTICE OF REASONS FOR REJECTION

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This application should be refused for the reason mentioned below. If the applicant has any argument against the reason, such argument should be submitted within 60 days from the date on which this notification was dispatched.

### REASONS

The invention(s) as claimed in the following claim(s) of the present application should not be granted a patent under the provision of Section 29(2) of the Japanese Patent Law, as the present invention is readily made to one of ordinary skill in the art, to which the invention pertains, on the basis of invention(s) disclosed in the cited reference(s) published in Japan or foreign countries prior to the filing of the present application.

NOTE (Refer to List of Cited References)

- Cited References 1 to 3 on  
Claims 1, 6, 12, 13, 15, 18, 21, 22, 24 and 25

Cited Reference 1 describes that an information transmitting/receiving apparatus prepares an original image in HTML script, stores the image in a provider server on WWW, and generates an e-mail indicating URL of the server to transmit the generated e-mail to a recipient ( 【0022】 to 【0023】 ). In addition, it is described that the recipient analyzes a received e-mail to access URL of a WWW provider server for acquiring an image data file ( 【0028】 ).

Cited Reference 2 describes that an image received by a network facsimile apparatus is stored in a unit of pages, an HTML document is generated for viewing the image information, and an arrival notification mail including URL of an HTTP server is transmitted to a destination for arrival notification ( 【0059】 to 【0065】 and Fig. 5).

Cited Reference 3 describes that, in a document storage apparatus of a document viewing system ( 【0001】 and 【0002】 ), a document consisting of a plurality of pages prepared by a document preparation apparatus is stored in a document storage apparatus in a unit of pages ( 【0012】 ). It is further described that such a storage enables a volume of transmission data, which is transmitted/received in response to one-time request for viewing, to be controlled just under one page volume of image data, and thus an efficiency in response to the viewing request is improved ( 【0013】 ).

In addition, the document describes that, when storing a document, a document is stored in a plurality of image formats ( 【0041】 to 【0043】 ). It is further described that this enables a type of image data to be specified for the same page image at a time of viewing request, and thus image data can be received and displayed by a general viewing software ( 【0044】 ).

Further, as an example of image format, various types of image formats including a standard bit map format in HTML are described therein ( 【0041】 ).

Though Cited Reference 1 does not describe that image data is stored in a server both in a standardized data format and in a non-standardized data format, nor saved as a plurality of types of image file, Cited Reference 3 describes that image data is stored in a plurality of types of image format including a standard bit map format, and thus it is recognized that it could have been readily conceivable to register a plurality of kinds of image files in a standardized or non-standardized data format.

In addition, Cited Reference 1 does not describe that image data is registered in a server in a unit of pages, while Cited References 2 and 3 describe that image data is stored and saved in a unit of pages, and thus it is recognized that it could have been readily conceivable based on these inventions.

- Cited References 1 to 4 on  
Claims 2, 5, 7, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 23

Cited Reference 4 describes that a file name and the like of each image data which are saved in a network scanner server unit are read out for transferring to a browser of WWW as file list data in HTML format. In addition, it is described that upon selection of a file which is desired to be transferred out of the file list by a browser, a specified file is transferred from a server to a browser ( 【0008】 ).

It is recognized to be easy to register such file list data in HTML format in a server for transferring the file, too.

- Cited References 1 to 3 on  
Claims 3 and 4

It is recognized as an arbitrary matter of design at which timing a file is to be saved.

- Cited References 1 to 5 on  
Claims 10 and 20

Cited Reference 5 describes that a personal computer is connected to a multiple image processing device for displaying image data received via facsimile on CRT display apparatus of the personal computer (page 5, right down column line 16 to page 7, left upper column, line 11).

No other reason(s) for rejection of this application has been found except for the abovementioned reasons. If, however, any new reason for refusal is found in future, a further notice will be issued.

#### List of Cited Reference

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H10-327307
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H10-341304
3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H9-231121
4. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H9-233243
5. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. S63-87858